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(SBU) The Dutch have no assets to devote immediately to escorting World Food Program vessels but will work through the EU Coordination Cell for coverage of escort duties. Pol-Mil Officer delivered reftel points on September 19 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Head of the Horn and West Africa Division. The Dutch are committed to doing their part for counter piracy operations and expressed a dedication to developing the escort process through the use of the EU Coordination Cell. (Note: Per reftel B, Dutch escorted aid vessels in the spring of 2008. End note.)

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